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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON  
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SUBJ: BREAK-IN AT AMERICAN EMBASSY KINGSTON

REF: KINGSTON 3174

1. THE EMBASSY TODAY (AUGUST 3) TRANSMITTED THE FOLLOWING  
NOTE TO THE GOJ MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. BEGIN TEXT:  
THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS  
COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE GOVERNMENT  
OF JAMAICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO ADVISE THE MINISTRY THAT  
SHORTLY AFTER 5:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 2, THE CHANCERY  
OF THE EMBASSY WAS ENTERED FORCIBLY BY ONE OR MORE  
PERSONS WHOSE APPARENT OBJECTIVE WAS BURGLARY. DURING THE SHORT  
TIME THESE PERSONS WERE IN THE CHANCERY A NUMBER OF OFFICES  
WERE RANSACKED AND VARIOUS ITEMS WERE TAKEN.  
THE U.S. MARINE GUARD, HOWEVER, SURPRISED THE INTRUDERS WHO FLED  
BY THE SAME MEANS THEY HAD ENTERED. THE JAMAICAN  
POLICE WERE INFORMED, PROMPTLY ARRIVED IN THE EARLY MORNING  
HOURS, AND CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION. AN IMMEDIATE  
SEARCH OF THE AREA SURROUNDING THE CHANCERY  
RESULTED IN RECOVERY OF STOLEN PROPERTY.

THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THIS INCIDENT POINTS UP  
THE INADEQUATE SECURITY PROVIDED TO THE EMBASSY. THIS  
EMBASSY FURTHER BELIEVES THAT SIMILAR OR EVEN MORE SERIOUS  
INCIDENTS MAY OCCUR AGAIN AT ANY OF OUR SEVERAL PREMISES  
IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL SECURITY BY  
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THE APPROPRIATE JAMAICAN AUTHORITIES -- A RESPONSIBILITY

OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA BY VIRTUE OF NORMAL INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE AND FORMAL CONVENTION. IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING, THE EMBASSY WISHES TO DRAW TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MINISTRY THAT, FOLLOWING THE ATTACK IN JANUARY ON THE EMBASSY'S VISA ANNEX ON EUREKA ROAD, JAMAICAN POLICE AUTHORITIES PROMISED THAT EACH OF THE EMBASSY'S OFFICIAL PREMISES WOULD BE VISITED AT FREQUENT INTERVALS DURING NIGHT HOURS BY MOBILE PATROLS.

THE EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT A CLAIM TO THE MINISTRY FOR COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES DONE TO THE CHANCERY THE MORNING OF AUGUST 2. REPAIR WORK IS PRESENTLY UNDERWAY AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THE COSTS WILL BE SMALL.

THE EMBASSY STANDS READY TO DISCUSS WITH THE MINISTRY AND APPROPRIATE POLICE AUTHORITIES AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY OF ALL OF ITS PREMISES.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.

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